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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application, Applicant requests the following:

AMENDMENTS:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in the following manner:

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1. (Withdrawn) A polymer which has been modified to render it hydrophobic by amidification of a hydrophilic polymer backbone by one or more n-alkylamines, the alkyl chains of which contain 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

2. (Withdrawn) The polymer of claim 1, wherein the n-alkylamine is a di-n-alkylamine.